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CHAIRMAN—G. T. VITTY.

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## West Hartlepool Representatives :

- J. W. CAMERON, Greenbank, West Hartlepool.  
J. SUGGITT, Lower Archer Street, West Hartlepool.  
B. GRAINGER, Lynn Street, West Hartlepool.  
J. C. DYER, Stockton Road, West Hartlepool.  
J. LOAN, Tower Street, West Hartlepool.  
C. MACFARLANE, Cambridge Terrace, West Hartlepool.  
T. KIRTLEY, Whitby Street, West Hartlepool.  
T. CLARKSON, Westbourne Road, West Hartlepool.

## Hartlepool Representatives :

- J. HORSLEY, Sedgewick House, Hartlepool.  
J. HUNTER, High Street, Hartlepool.  
I. SANDERS, Northgate, Hartlepool.  
H. WITHY, Brantford House, West Hartlepool.  
F. YEOMAN, Henry Smith Terrace, Hartlepool.  
T. W. WATSON, Gladstone Street, Hartlepool.

## FIXED DAYS OF MEETING.

December	20,	1894	May	16,	1895	October	17,	1895
January	17,	1895	June	20,	„	November	21,	„
February	21,	„	July	18,	„	December	19,	„
March	21,	„	August	15,	„			
April	18,	„	September	19,	„			

EACH DAY AT 3-15 P.M.

## General Purposes Committee :

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| J. HORSLEY, | G. T. VITTY.   | I. SANDERS,  |
| J. HUNTER,  | J. W. CAMERON, | F. YEOMAN,   |
| J. SUGGITT, | C. MACFARLANE, | T. CLARKSON, |

## Officers :

- Clerk*—W. W. BRUNTON, Solicitor, 52, Church Street, West Hartlepool.  
*Medical Officer*—S. BIGGART, M.D., 116, Scarbro' Street, West Hartlepool.  
*Surveyor*—J. W. BROWN, Municipal Buildings, West Hartlepool.  
*Inspector*—S. W. HASTINGS, 10, Sea Terrace, Middleton, Hartlepool.  
*Assistant Inspector*—T. POUNDER, Pilot Master, Duke Street, Hartlepool.



WEST HARTLEPOOL,

17th January, 1895.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith present my Annual Report for the year 1894.

### HOSPITAL.

During the year 1894 there have been admitted into the Port Sanitary Hospital 40 cases as compared with 49 the previous year, suffering from the following infectious diseases, namely :—

Small-pox	...	...	20 cases
Typhoid Fever	...	...	15 „
Diarrhœa (severe)	...	...	2 „
Diphtheria	...	...	2 „
Influenza	...	...	1 „
			—
			40
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Of these 40 cases, 25 came from West Hartlepool, 10 from Hartlepool, and 5 from ships.

Of the 20 cases of Small-pox admitted, 11 came from West Hartlepool, and 9 from Hartlepool.

It is difficult to trace the origin of the disease, but there is no doubt that both towns got it from the same source.

Of the whole of the 15 cases of typhoid fever 13 came from West Hartlepool, and 2 cases from ships. Of the remaining 5 cases, 3 came from ships and 2 from West Hartlepool, Hartlepool not having sent a single case during the year except the small-pox cases above mentioned.

The number of cases of small-pox was just double that of the previous year, which was 10.

While we had not a single case of Scarlet Fever this year as against 21 the previous year.

8 deaths occurred in the Hospital during the year, namely :—

From Typhoid Fever	...	3 cases
„ Small-pox ..	...	5 „
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		8
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5 deaths out of 20 patients is a high mortality. Last year we had not a single death from small-pox. It is only right to state that in 4 out of the 5 deaths from small-pox no vaccination scars were visible. Indeed their friends admitted that they had not been vaccinated previously.

The Hospital has been kept in good repair having had two coats of tar during the year. Internally it is thoroughly clean and in good condition.

The patients on leaving, have always expressed themselves well satisfied with the nursing staff.



## SHIPPING.

During the year I have inspected 50 vessels as compared with 238 last year. 32 of these were reported as having seamen sick on board.

18 from Cholera infected centres and having no bills of health or informal ones, in which cases the Customs Officers required a certificate.

5 cases were removed to the Hospital from ships as above reported and of these one died. The remainder were non-infectious and were either sent to Hartlepool Hospital or treated on board.

Dr. Theodore Thompson from the Local Government Board, made an inspection of the Port on July 18th, principally as to the disposal of ballast (cholera having broken out in St. Petersburg). His visit does not call for any special notice. Mr. Hastings and I accompanied him.

## EMIGRANTS, &c.

This year you decided to discontinue the systematic medical examination of passengers and emigrants. Your Inspector, Mr. S. W. Hastings, has boarded these vessels regularly on their arrival, and reported any suspicious cases to me when I have visited the vessels.

3,143 Transmigrants, Emigrants, and Passengers arrived, viz :—

- 2,261 Aliens booked to United States and Canada
- 290 „ to remain in the United Kingdom.
- 233 „ Sailors to join Foreign Vessels in this  
and neighbouring Ports.
- 359 British subjects.

THE FOLLOWING VESSELS WERE INSPECTED BY MR.  
S. W. HASTINGS

FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1894 :

British Steam Ships	...	...	536
„ Sailing Vessels	...	...	173
„ Fishing Vessels	...	...	102
Foreign Steam Ships	...	...	204
„ Sailing Vessels	...	...	483
			<hr/> 1498
Revisits to Passenger Steamers, to Vessels			} 518
discharging cargoes and to see			
Sanitary defects removed	...		
			<hr/> 518
Total number of Inspections	...	...	<hr/> 2,016

The Nationalities of the vessels were as follows :—

British	...	...	811
Swedish	...	...	304
Norwegian	...	...	205
German	...	...	79
Danish	...	...	41
Russian	...	...	29
French	...	...	14
Dutch	...	...	6
Belgian	...	...	5
Spanish	...	...	3
American	...	...	1
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Total	...	...	1,498

89 Notices were given for sanitary defects as follows :—

Dirty Forecastle and Deck Houses	...	30
Broken Port Deck Lights in Forecastle	...	6
Leaking Forecastle	...	9
Defective Ventilation	...	2
Chocked W.C. and defective Drainage	...	17
Paint Locker in Forecastle	...	1
Water Tanks and Receptacles, dirty, &c.	...	15
Cattle decks cleansed and disinfected	...	5
Vessels Fumigated	...	4

The cleansing and disinfection of the spaces and cabin on  
82 passenger and emigrant steamers has also been seen to.

It will be seen from the above that the general sanitary condition of vessels has occupied a good deal of the time and attention of your Inspector.

It is of the first importance that the drinking water of all vessels should be carefully attended to and this has been done.

There has been nothing in the years' work to call for special remark.

I have again to thank the various officials of Her Majesty's Customs, and likewise to those of the N.E.R. Co. connected with the Docks, Harbour, and others who have willingly co-operated with us in carrying out the details of the various measures entrusted to us as the Officials of the Hartlepool Port Sanitary Authority.

S. BIGGART, M.D., AND C.M.,

*Medical Officer,*

*Hartlepool Port Sanitary Authority*









